

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4717

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETEL, GY  
SUBJECT: GUYANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1105, (B) 76 GEORGETOWN 2330

1. THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE GOG ACQUISITION OF CABLE AND WIRELESS HOLDINGS IS PROVIDED AS SUPPLEMENT TO REFTEL. THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOG AND CABLE AND WIRELESS (WEST INDIES) LTD. WHICH WERE CONCLUDED THIS PAST WEEK TRACE BACK IN A SPORADIC FASHION TO 1970. AT THAT TIME THE GOG AND CABLE AND WIRELESS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITIES OF A JOINT VENTURE, AND THE ASSETS WERE VALUED AT G4.8 MILLION. NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. IN 1972, ANOTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT VENTURE. SINCE THEN OTHER ATTEMPTS WERE MADE BUT UNTIL RECENTLY NO FINAL AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE.

2. WHAT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED ON MAY 26 WAS THAT THE GOG WILL ALSO ASSUME G\$13 MILLION IN CABLE AND WIRELESS DEBTS. GOG HAS ASSURED CABLE AND WIRELESS EMPLOYEES THAT PENSION BENEFITS WILL BE CONTINUED; HOWEVER, THE CABLE AND WIRELESS PENSION PLAN IS UNFUNDDED AND BENEFITS THAT THE COMPANY HAS PAID HAVE BEEN FAR ABOVE THE AMOUNTS PAID TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HERE. EMPLOYEES REPORTEDLY ARE WORRIED THAT

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THE GOG WILL NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS COMMITMENT.

3. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, GOG OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONSTRUCTING AN EARTH/SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS STATION. WITHOUT OUTSIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER, THE GOG IS IN NO POSITION TO EXPAND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES GIVEN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION.

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